

FORT SILL RETIREE COUNCILS
Minutes

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, a meeting of the Fort Sill Retiree Councils was held Thursday, 18 August 2005.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT.

COL Stephen Glick, Chairman	USA, Retired
COL Tom Bullock	USA, Retired
COL Ronald Steinig	USA, Retired
LTC Bill Kindt	USA, Retired
MAJ Angelo Venniro	USA, Retired
CW5 Joseph Diaz	USA, Retired
CWO Grimur Magnusson	USA, Retired
CW4 Joe Talley	USA, Retired
CSM William Barwick	USA, Retired
CSM Daniel Nifong	USA, Retired
CSM George Ponder, Chairman	USA, Retired
MSG Phyllis Dorough-Barker, Secretary	USAR-AGR, Retired
MSG James Elliott	USA, Retired
MSG Ernst Smith	USA, Retired
1SG John Spray	USA, Retired
SFC Karl Ellison, RSO	USA, Retired
Mrs Sally Cannon	Surviving Spouse

3. MEMBERS ABSENT.

COL Felix Peterson
LTC Arthur Huse
LTC Jimmy Webb
CSM Gary Green
CSM Morgan Reed
1SG Edward Hedrick
1SG Wade Roth

4. MEMBERS RESIGNED. None

5. GUESTS.

COL Uberti, Garrison Commander, Guest Speaker

6. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER. 0800 by COL (R) Glick, Chairman.

7. PLEDGE. All members.

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS. None.

9. OPENING REMARKS. CSM Ponder - passed membership roster around to all members present to check/update their information. He's been attending IPRs on the Open House at the Hospital; maps (to Hospital) will be distributed at Key, Ft Sill, and Sheridan Gates; bottom of map will show location of services (Legal, ID, PX, etc); for next year we may include the maps in the newsletter (but will still have available at the Gates).

10. GUEST SPEAKER. COL Uberti - wants to ensure that the Installation and the Garrison are providing the right type of services (to the Retirees). He has already spent time talking with different offices about the Open House; reading the AARs and changes are being made as recommended. He wants to get Gate 10 open to facilitate the Tour of the Wichita's; the Hospital is set up to receive everyone; shuttle services are available; looking at access control at gates for those without a sticker; they're re-looking the entire traffic plan; he's tasked some newly assigned personnel to actually go out and check the signs to ensure they can understand the directions for those coming to Ft Sill for their first time; they will move the "high pay-off" tables from around the East entrance to the Hospital to further inside to prevent congestion around the entrance. Any issues or concerns that we may have, his door is always open. This group is an important part of Ft Sill's customer base to the Garrison.

11. RSO COMMENTS. SFC(R) Ellison is the Action Agent for the Open House; everything's on track; Caisson Room is reserved for the Color Guard to use as a changing room (3 USMC, 3 USA, 1 USAF, 1 USN = 8 members + spouses = 16); Motion made by COL Glick that Councils buy all 16 dinners, seconded by CW5(R) Diaz and SFC(R) Ellison, approved; this is a good opportunity for young soldiers to intermingle with Veterans; invitations have been mailed; TRICARE briefings have been coordinated; ID Card services are dependent upon number of soldiers processing for deployment, but they can still squeeze in one or two at a time, he'll keep us posted; we have 4, 9-passenger vans to shuttle people around post to the different services; we will have 6 golf carts for the Hospital shuttle service (4 to operate and 2 charging); Linda Young will do the photo support again this year; we have a suspense of 1 September to complete media coverage, the PAO has always supported us well; Casualty Assistance Service is all arranged; Color Guard is set to go; we have 18 soldiers detailed to set everything up on 14 August (uniform=BDUs); on 15 August they will be in Class B uniform with the Red Retiree Councils hat; if the detail NCOIC needs any information, have him contact CSM(R) Ponder for guidance, he will also do any last minute follow-up; MSG(R) Dorrough will check with the Coast Guard Institute/Recruiting office in Oklahoma City on the possibility of having a USCG representative in the Color Guard and keep CSM(R) Ponder advised of status; everyone has cell phones, no need for anything else, we just need to ensure everyone has a current roster with cell phone numbers, CSM(R) Ponder will complete/issue the roster; tables at the Hospital - we'll need 70 folding tables to use for the display tables; their mission has increased and they cannot provide the tables this year, but they will provide the tablecloths. RSO will follow-up with the organizations wanting a display table and confirm use. The book that holds this information was lost so the RSO does not know who wants what this again this year. The RSO has already sent out letters to these organizations.

CWO(R) Magnusson - nothing was requested for a band at the Banquet; he was told that we can only have a pianist, a guitarist, or a drummer. Per COL(R) Glick, RSO was to do the request for the band; request was done for 15 August, RSO will try to correct to 16 August, SFC(R) Ellison will check on this and let COL(R) Glick know if he encounters problems.

CSM(R) Barwick - as of today we have 66 confirmed Reservations; we have contracted for 350 meals; this is normal, reservations will start rolling in the first week of September.

1SG(R) Spray, Transportation support - due to funding Lawton city buses cannot donate their services this year. Are we doing any advertising? If so, they will do "in-kind"; provide service on what we do. Channel 7 is good about promotion the Open House and we must include Lawton city bus service to that advertisement venue. We have: radio, TV, 'Cannoneer', 'The Lawton Constitution'. The Lawton city buses are handicapped accessible; \$40 per hour; more expensive; they'll give us a discount if we advertise their services; purpose of these buses was to get the Vets from the Veterans Center to the Open House. COL Glick will hold a short meeting on this issue immediately following our regular meeting.

We need to ensure we have the Transportation POC (CSM(R) Green) on the ground and ready to go. COL(R) Glick asked MSG(R) Smith to ensure vans pickup veterans and take them where they need to go.

Ms Cannon has coordinated with LATCO and they will have a bus at the East entrance to the Hospital at 0830 (she will get corrected to 0800).

The Wichita tour will be on the LATCO bus; they have lunch reservation at LETRA for 45 people.

The Post tour will be conducted using a military bus.

CSM(R) Stewart - you need to talk to LTC(R) Webb about the handicapped transportation; he may already have this arranged.

12. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. Everyone did not receive their approved copy; we will wait till next meeting to review/approve. COL(R) Glick will get with RSO on this issue.

13. FINANCIAL REPORT. Asks that everyone spreads the word about the Open House and let's get those reservations in. Should we pay for Band member's dinner at the banquet? Yes, per COL(R) Glick. We always pay for the Band, Color Guard (and their spouses), the Guest Speaker, the special entertainment (and spouse), and the RSO staff members that work the check-in table. We currently have a balance of \$4,028.62. Motion to approve Report made by MAJ(R) Venniro, seconded by MSG(R) Elliott and CW5(R) Diaz, motion approved.

14. SILLFACT REPORT. 1SG(R) Spray is working this area and will have a report at our next meeting..

15. AWARD PRESENTATION. CSM(R) Ponder presented the coveted Buffalo plaque to CSM(R) Stewart for his many, many years of dedicated service not only to Retirees but to the Active Duty and to Ft Sill. This plaque is presented in grateful appreciation for his 10 years of service on the Councils.

16. RETIREE OPEN HOUSE COORDINATION.

Door prizes -

LTC(R) Kindt = framed Half Section print; two afghans

COL(R) Glick = AAFES gift certificates and 2 shopping sprees; and Commissary, but will double-check

COL(R) Steinig = working on getting donation and print from Artillery Association

MSG Elliott = no trip from Adventure Travel this year; MedTech of Lawton will donate (TBD); Pioneer Financial Services will donate 2-\$50 Wal-Mart gift cards, 1-\$50 Lowe's gift card, 1-\$50 Target gift card, 1-\$50 Home Depot gift card

Donations -

AUSA -COL(R) Glick,

Banc First (Michelle Ratcliff) - CW5(R) Diaz

Ft Sill National Bank - COL(R) Glick

Quilt (for raffle) - made by Linda Tunnell, RSO

Branson Tickets (18 pairs) - CW4(R) Talley

MWR - CSM(R) Barwick

SGM Association - CSM(R) Ponder (needs a letter from Councils requesting donation)

ARVEST Bank - 1SG(R) Spray

K-Mart - CSM(R) Green

Ft Sill Credit Union - CSM(R) Barwick

DVD - MSG(R) Dorrough-Barker

CW5(R) Diaz - 4 tickets to Lawton Community Theater

17. COMMITTEES.

Post Bus Tour (Discover Ft Sill Tour) - LTC(R) Kindt; excellent tour around Post, highlights = Battle Lab, Balloon Hanger

Thank you letters - COL(R) Glick; letters must be done in a timelier manner this year! These letters are very, very important; cannot stress importance enough!

Wichita Mountain Bus Tour - Mrs Sally Cannon, COL(R) Steinig, CW4(R) Talley, and MSG(R) Smith; Sally will confirm number of meals at LETRA; bus will tour Mt Scott, Holy City, Refuge Center, LETRA for lunch, and Medicine Park; should return about 14-1500.

Banquet Decorations - CWO(R) Magnusson, CSM(R) Barwick, MSG(R) Dorrough-Barker will assist

Transportation - CSM(R) Green, 1SG(R) Spray, MSG(R) Smith; see comments in paragraph 11.

Color Guard - CSM(R) Ponder, see comments in paragraph 11.

18. ADDITIONAL TASKS.

Gift for Speaker - Framed Half Section print

Gift for Entertainer - Flowers

Certificates for Sponsors - MSG(R) Smith will do

Administrative Tables/Tickets (at Hospital) - approximately same people as last year will staff

19. CLOSING COMMENTS.

CSM(R) Barwick - We need to do a better job of getting meeting notification out. Wood for the Flag Boxes; supposed to use oak now, more expensive wood. 1SG(R) Spray stated he will check with some of his contacts on cost of oak. CSM(R) Ponder will check with donors in Duncan also. CWO(R) Magnusson will check with Home Depot. It only takes a nickel to go first class! COL(R) Glick - the Executive Committee will review this issue and let us know.

MSG(R) Ellison - we need give-a-ways from the Councils to give out at the Hospital. Motion made by CWR(R) Diaz to approve, seconded by 1SG(R) Spray, motion approved. He will order 150 water bottles with our logo; cost will be approximately fifty cents each. Buy a ticket to the banquet, get a bottle!

COL(R) Glick and CSM(R) Barwick will get the donuts, coffee, sugar, and creamer.

People can buy tickets to the banquet up through the day of; we'll have tickets for sale at the Hospital on 15 and 16 September; refund date = 12 September.

CWO(R) Magnusson - the small table Retiree flags that we currently have in stock are the only ones we have left; cannot order more, manufacturer says they the size is no longer being made. CW5(R) Diaz will take 1 flag and will check further for ordering more.

CSM(R) Ponder - proposed that the Councils adopt a coin; one side will have the 'Still Serving....' logo, other side will have 'Fort Sill Retiree Councils' and possibly the crossed cannons; still checking into exact design; motion made by CSM(R) Barwick, seconded by SFC(R) Ellison; approved; will have a draft drawing at next meeting.

CW4(R) Talley - we need to recognize the city of Branson, MO during the Banquet for their very generous donation; also send them a letter/certificate; Executive Committee will review and let us know their recommendation at our November meeting.

LTC(R) Kindt - CSM(R) Stewart will be recognized at the September Retirement Ceremony; CG will also personally recognize him; hope as many as possible can attend

20. ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 1020 by COL (R) Glick, Chairman.

ATZR-ONS

SUBJECT: Fort Sill Retiree Councils Meeting, 18 August 2005

21. NEXT MEETING. Thursday, 17 November 2005, 0800 for coffee and pastries in the Caisson Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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